

urge all of my colleagues to join me in expressing our support to the people of El Salvador who are trying to rebuild their lives and their communities, by passing this resolution.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation before the House, H. Con. Res. 41, which speaks on behalf of the good people of El Salvador who are struggling to recover from two devastating earthquakes that struck the nation in January and February of this year.

I commend the author of the resolution, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. DAVIS, and the Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member of the House International Relations Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, Mr. BALLENGER and Mr. MENENDEZ, for introducing this important measure. I further commend the Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member of the International Relations Committee, Mr. HYDE and Mr. LANTOS, for their leadership in bringing the legislation to the floor. I am honored to join our colleagues in expressing concern and sympathy for the victims of the earthquakes in El Salvador and to support ongoing aid and relief efforts.

Madam Speaker, the people of El Salvador have had more than their share of suffering. In recent decades, El Salvador has been torn apart by civil war, a deadly and costly conflict which claimed the lives of more than 70,000 men, women and children before a peace accord was reached in 1992.

A little over two years ago, one of the most destructive natural disasters ever to hit the region, Hurricane Mitch, wreaked havoc on El Salvador. In the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch's 180 mph winds and massive flooding, El Salvador and her neighbors, Nicaragua and Honduras, lost over 11,000 citizens with damages totaling over \$4 billion.

Madam Speaker, despite these major setbacks, the people of El Salvador have worked diligently and courageously to rebuild their nation and democracy. It is a tragedy and cruel fate that they have had to suffer once again.

On January 13th of this year, a huge earthquake registering 7.6 on the Richter Scale struck off the coast of El Salvador, southwest of the city of San Miguel. Exactly a month later, a second crushing earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 struck east of San Salvador.

Madam Speaker, these devastating earthquakes have taken a tremendous toll on the people of El Salvador and resulted in a humanitarian catastrophe.

Over 1,500 Salvadorans have lost their lives, with thousands more injured. At least 200,000 homes have been destroyed, displacing over a million Salvadorans. More than fifteen hundred schools and dozens of hospitals, as well as essential segments of the country's infrastructure including water systems and the Pan-American Highway, have been badly damaged.

The destruction to El Salvador is estimated to exceed \$2 billion in costs.

Madam Speaker, I would urge our colleagues to adopt this legislation which evidences our heartfelt concern for the people of El Salvador and their tragic losses.

The legislation further supports relief efforts of the United States Agency for International Development for El Salvador's reconstruction, along with the assistance of the World Bank,

the Inter-American Development Bank and the international community.

To this effect, I commend President Bush for committing \$110 million in relief aid when meeting early this month with the President of El Salvador, Francisco Flores. This is a good beginning but more aid is needed. Also important has been President Bush's work permit initiative for Salvadoran immigrants, which has allowed many Salvadorans to continue sending home substantial sums for reconstruction efforts in El Salvador.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of the measure before us.

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, today I must vote against HCR 41. While I certainly offer my personal sympathy to the victims in El Salvador, and also join in encouraging relief agencies to increase their assistance to these individuals, I cannot support this resolution.

In the past I have complained that similar bills have come to the House Floor without going through the committee process. In this instance the committees were included and I applaud the Chairman for ensuring we had an opportunity to discuss this issue at committee. I am also grateful to the committee staff who worked with me in helping facilitate that discussion.

At the subcommittee I introduced an amendment for discussion purposes only. That amendment would have deleted the specific references to governmental assistance contained in this bill. Had that amendment been adopted I could have supported this resolution. Simply, I believe it is not proper for us to force taxpayers in this country to provide this kind of assistance by having the IRS collect these funds. Next, I believe that the Red Cross, for example, would not only be a more sympathetic entity for the purposes of collecting funds used for relief, but also that it would be a more efficient distributor of such funds than are the plethora of government agencies referenced in this resolution.

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 41.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

□ 1800

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 NOTE), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission:

Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,

Washington, DC, March 20, 2001.

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (P.L. 106-173), I hereby appoint the following individual to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. Phelps, IL.

Yours Very Truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary group:

Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 5(d) of Public Law 93-642 (20 U.S.C. 2004(b)), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation:

Mrs. EMERSON of Missouri; and
Mr. SKELTON of Missouri.
There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 67, by the yeas and nays; and
H. Con. Res. 41, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATTING TUBERCULOSIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 67, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 67, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 2, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 51]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Brady (TX)	Davis (CA)
Ackerman	Brown (OH)	Davis (FL)
Aderholt	Brown (SC)	Davis (IL)
Akin	Bryant	Davis, Jo Ann
Allen	Burr	Davis, Tom
Andrews	Burton	Deal
Armey	Buyer	DeFazio
Baca	Callahan	DeGette
Bachus	Calvert	Delahunt
Baird	Camp	DeLauro
Baker	Cantor	DeLay
Baldacci	Capito	DeMint
Baldwin	Capps	Deutsch
Ballenger	Capuano	Diaz-Balart
Barcia	Cardin	Dicks
Barr	Carson (IN)	Dingell
Barrett	Carson (OK)	Doggett
Bartlett	Castle	Dooley
Barton	Chabot	Doolittle
Bass	Chambliss	Doyle
Bentsen	Clay	Dreier
Bereuter	Clayton	Duncan
Berkley	Clement	Dunn
Berman	Clyburn	Edwards
Berry	Coble	Ehlers
Biggert	Collins	Ehrlich
Bilirakis	Combest	Emerson
Bishop	Condit	Engel
Blagojevich	Conyers	English
Blumenauer	Cooksey	Eshoo
Blunt	Costello	Etheridge
Boehlert	Cox	Evans
Boehner	Coyne	Everett
Bonilla	Crane	Farr
Bonior	Crenshaw	Ferguson
Bono	Crowley	Flake
Borski	Cubin	Fletcher
Boswell	Culberson	Foley
Boucher	Cummings	Ford
Boyd	Cunningham	Fossella

Frank	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)
Frelinghuysen	Leach	Rohrabacher
Frost	Lee	Ros-Lehtinen
Gallegly	Levin	Ross
Ganske	Lewis (CA)	Roukema
Gekas	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Gephardt	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Gibbons	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Gilchrest	Lipinski	Ryun (KS)
Gillmor	LoBiondo	Sabo
Gilman	Lofgren	Sanchez
Gonzalez	Lowey	Sanders
Goodlatte	Lucas (KY)	Sandlin
Gordon	Lucas (OK)	Sawyer
Goss	Luther	Saxton
Graham	Maloney (CT)	Schaffer
Granger	Maloney (NY)	Schakowsky
Graves	Markey	Schiff
Green (TX)	Mascara	Schrock
Green (WI)	Matheson	Scott
Greenwood	McCarthy (MO)	Sensenbrenner
Grucci	McCarthy (NY)	Sessions
Gutierrez	McCollum	Shadegg
Gutknecht	McCrery	Shaw
Hall (OH)	McDermott	Shays
Hall (TX)	McGovern	Sherman
Hansen	McHugh	Sherwood
Harman	McInnis	Shimkus
Hart	McIntyre	Shows
Hastings (FL)	McKeon	Simmons
Hastings (WA)	McKinney	Simpson
Hayes	McNulty	Skeen
Hayworth	Meehan	Skelton
Hefley	Meek (FL)	Slaughter
Herger	Meeks (NY)	Smith (MI)
Hill	Menendez	Smith (NJ)
Hilliard	Mica	Smith (TX)
Hinchee	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)
Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Snyder
Hobson	Miller, George	Solis
Hoeffel	Mink	Souder
Hoekstra	Mollohan	Spence
Holden	Moore	Spratt
Holt	Moran (KS)	Stark
Honda	Moran (VA)	Stearns
Hooley	Morella	Stenholm
Horn	Myrick	Strickland
Hostettler	Nadler	Stump
Houghton	Napolitano	Sununu
Hoyer	Neal	Sweeney
Hulshof	Nethercutt	Tancredo
Hunter	Ney	Tanner
Hutchinson	Northup	Tauscher
Hyde	Norwood	Tauzin
Inslee	Nussle	Taylor (MS)
Isakson	Oberstar	Terry
Israel	Obey	Thompson (CA)
Issa	Oliver	Thompson (MS)
Istook	Ortiz	Thornberry
Jackson (IL)	Osborne	Thune
Jackson-Lee	Ose	Thurman
(TX)	Otter	Tiberi
Jefferson	Oxley	Tierney
Jenkins	Pallone	Toomey
John	Pascarell	Towns
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Traficant
Johnson (IL)	Payne	Turner
Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi	Udall (CO)
Johnson, Sam	Pence	Udall (NM)
Jones (NC)	Peterson (MN)	Upton
Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)	Velázquez
Kanjorski	Petri	Visclosky
Kaptur	Phelps	Walden
Kelly	Pickering	Walsh
Kennedy (MN)	Pitts	Wamp
Kennedy (RI)	Platts	Waters
Kerns	Pombo	Watkins
Kildee	Pomeroy	Watt (NC)
Kilpatrick	Portman	Watts (OK)
Kind (WI)	Price (NC)	Waxman
King (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Weiner
Kingston	Putnam	Weldon (FL)
Kirk	Quinn	Weldon (PA)
Klecza	Radanovich	Weller
Knollenberg	Rahall	Wexler
Kolbe	Ramstad	Whitfield
Kucinich	Rangel	Wicker
LaFalce	Regula	Wilson
LaHood	Rehberg	Wolf
Lampson	Reyes	Woolsey
Langevin	Reynolds	Wu
Lantos	Riley	Wynn
Largent	Rivers	Young (AK)
Larsen (WA)	Rodriguez	Young (FL)
Larson (CT)	Roemer	
Latham	Rogers (KY)	

NAYS—2

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Paul

NOT VOTING—25

Becerra	Manzullo	Scarborough
Brady (PA)	Matsui	Serrano
Brown (FL)	Millender-	Sisisky
Cannon	McDonald	Stupak
Cramer	Moakley	Taylor (NC)
Fattah	Murtha	Thomas
Filner	Owens	Tiahrt
Hilleary	Rothman	Vitter
Keller	Rush	

□ 1826

Mr. GUTIERREZ changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

Mr. BARR of Georgia changed his vote from “present” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 51, I was unavoidably delayed by flight cancellations. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on the additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES IN EL SALVADOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 41.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 41, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 1, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 52]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Baldwin	Berman
Aderholt	Ballenger	Berry
Akin	Barcia	Biggert
Allen	Barr	Bilirakis
Andrews	Barrett	Bishop
Armey	Bartlett	Blagojevich
Baca	Barton	Blumenauer
Bachus	Bass	Blunt
Baird	Bentsen	Boehlert
Baker	Bereuter	Boehner
Baldacci	Berkley	Bonilla